

That term, the AIDS epidemic began taking hold in Southern California. While many were fearful and even dismissive, Congressman ROYBAL knew that a public health response was required. Working with Dan, he offered an amendment to procure Congressional funding for AIDS research at the National Institute of Health. Through controversy and criticism, Dan stood behind Congressman ROYBAL's amendment, which passed and proved critical to addressing the disease.

Proposing and standing behind the amendment was neither the obvious nor the popular thing to do. It was just the right thing to do, and Dan did it. That's the kind of person and leader he is. Our country is a better place because of his contributions.

I Congratulate Dan on this wonderful and well-deserved honor.

COMMEMORATING NOVEMBER 29TH AS THE ANNUAL OBSERVANCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AS DESIGNATED BY THE UNITED NATIONS

HON. BETTY MCCOLLUM

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Ms. MCCOLLUM. Madam Speaker, the United Nations General Assembly has designated the 29th of November for the annual observance of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People. It was on November 29, 1947 that the Assembly adopted the resolution on the partition of Palestine.

On November 29, 2021, in recognition of the Palestinian people and this annual observance I issued the following statement that I include in the RECORD:

Today, the world reflects on the condition of the Palestinian people who struggle under a brutal military occupation, barely survive under a cruel blockade, exist as second-class citizens inside Israel, and live in exile far from their homeland. The fundamental human rights all people seek, the rights that ensure safety and security, elevate human dignity, and promote peace and opportunity for the future, have been systematically denied to the Palestinian people for nearly eight decades. The international community has a moral obligation, and I personally feel this obligation, to stand in solidarity with the people of Palestine—defending their human rights, promoting their right to self-determination, and working tirelessly for a path forward toward justice, equality, and freedom for all Palestinians.

And, standing in solidarity with the Palestinian people, I call on the State of Israel to end its military occupation, end its illegal settlement expansion and annexation of Palestinian lands, and end its blockade of Gaza. I also call on the international community, including the U.S. government, to end policies that maintain the status quo, allowing for passive acquiescence to Israel's systematic designed and executed actions to deny the Palestinian people a future in their own homeland. It is time for the world community, especially the Biden administration, to take demonstrable steps toward holding all state and non-state actors in this conflict accountable to internationally recognized standards while working for a diplomatic outcome that will achieve peace, security, and a future of hope and opportunity for Pal-

estinians, Israelis, and all people in the region.

I am proud to stand in solidarity with the mothers and fathers, the elders, and the children of Palestine. And, pledge to continue to work in partnership with the Palestinian people to build a future of hope and opportunity for today and tomorrow.

CELEBRATING TULARE HIGH SCHOOL'S FFA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

HON. DEVIN NUNES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. NUNES. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Tulare High School's Agricultural Issues team for winning the prestigious 2021 National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum Leadership Development Event in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Hosted by the National FFA Organization, the National FFA Agricultural Issues Forum Leadership Development Event is a competitive event that tests students' knowledge of agricultural issues and evaluates how well they can apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. To compete in the national competition, teams must first design a presentation that addresses multiple viewpoints of a contemporary agricultural issue and present it to multiple audiences in their community. Teams must then incorporate the feedback received from their local community into their presentation to the judges at the Leadership Development Event.

Raised in California's San Joaquin Valley—the most productive and abundant agriculture region in the world—Tulare High School's Agricultural Issues team was uniquely placed to learn from the world's preeminent farmers in preparation for the Leadership Development Event, including the Tulare County Farm Bureau, the Board of Directors at Harris Ranch, and other local community service clubs. Their national championship victory is a reflection of the determined work ethic and love for farming that defines Tulare County and the greater San Joaquin Valley community.

Congratulations to team members Aidan Champagne, Duncan Champagne, Avery Coelho, Emma Coelho, and Madeline Lew, and their coaches, Jennifer Sousa, and Dave and Krim Caetano. The Central Valley is proud of their tremendous accomplishment.

SAINT ANDREWS SOCIETY TOAST

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, on Monday I was grateful to attend the annual meeting of the Saint Andrews Society of Columbia, SC where William Brunson DePass, III, was elected President. The traditional toast to the President was provided by John McCabe, a fellow graduate of valued colleague, Tim Burchett's Bearden High School Class of 1982, of Knoxville, Tennessee.

TOAST TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, SAINT ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF COLUMBIA ANNUAL MEETING, NOVEMBER 29, 2021, FOR-EST LAKE CLUB

I have been bestowed the honor of offering a toast to his honor, The President of the United States of America, Joe Biden.

In order to prepare for this prestigious task, I sought advice from my neighbor across the street, John Brandon.

Brandon Advised me to be of the utmost comportment, elevate all comments to the highest level, and offer the toast with the greatest of respect. Good Advice

Therefore, Gentlemen, I offer a hearty health to the Honorable Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr., The President of the United States of America!

HONORING THE LIFE OF BRUCE CORWIN

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 1, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of my dear friend, Bruce Corwin, who passed away on November 4, 2021.

Bruce was born on June 11, 1940, alongside his twin sister Bonnie. He grew up in Southern California, where he attended Los Angeles High School, and then went on to attend Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut.

Bruce returned home to become the third generation in his family to operate Metropolitan Theatres Corporation, a company founded by Bruce's grandfather in 1923 which operates a variety of multiplexes, theatres, and historic properties across Southern California. Most of their locations are in Santa Barbara and Los Angeles, with another location opening right along the coast in San Clemente in my congressional district later this year. In recent years, Metropolitan Theatres has even expanded to Colorado, Idaho, and Utah.

Beyond his role as a motion picture exhibitor, Bruce was notably a valuable member of the community. He was famous around town for his license plate that spelled "P-E-O-P-L-E," which perfectly explained his dedication to public service.

Bruce previously served as Treasurer under former Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley during Bradley's entire 30-year political career. He continued to serve the community on multiple boards and with numerous organizations such as the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Health Foundation and Coro Southern California.

Bruce and his wife, Toni, were married for 54 years and together they have two sons, David and Danny, and five grandchildren.

Bruce Corwin lived an incredible and full life. He was a dedicated husband, parent, philanthropist, and friend—but most importantly an essential part of the community. I had the pleasure of knowing Bruce not only as a friend, but also as a mentor for over twenty years. We are grateful for his dedication and contributions to the entire Southern California community.